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THE RABBIT IS BACK... WITH A VENGEANCE!

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WARP WORDS

NOTES FROM THE PUBLISHER

Welcome to this issue of ***Thunderbunny***, which is either the first issue or not the first issue.

(At which point you may be asking yourself, has he finally gone around the bend? He's the *publisher*, f'r crying out loud, and he doesn't even know which issue he's talking about?)

It all depends on your point of view. This is not the first issue of ***Thunderbunny*** ever to appear. The Rabbit of Steel (oops, sorry—that's been used. . .) first showed up in comic-book form in the one and only issue of *Comic Crusader Storybook*, published eight years ago by Marty Greim, Thunderbunny's creator and chronicler. Since then, the exploits of this most unusual hero have appeared under both the Charlton and Archie Comics banners.

What you are holding in your fuzzy pink paws at the moment *is* the first WaRP Graphics issue of the adventures of said herbivorous mammal. And we're happy to welcome the big guy (no kidding—he's trounced *me* around a few times in these pages and he's at least a foot [a rabbit's foot?] taller than me) into the WaRP stable (hutch?). Wendy and I have known Marty for a goodly bunch of years and have traded many a volley at dodge-ball; when I learned that he was

dissatisfied with the treatment ***Thunderbunny*** had received at its previous publishers, I hopped—er, jumped at the opportunity to pick up where the last adventure had left off.

About that. This tale obviously continues from the story told last issue, last issue being *Blue Ribbon Comics* #13 which, like all other appearances of Bobby Caswell's large alter ego, is out of print. However, we are making arrangements to reprint as many, if not all, of those previous adventures as possible so you can be in on things right from the start. (And, for a look at some of those earlier stories, check out "24 Carrot Comments" later in this issue.)

Enough! Read. Enjoy. Let us know what you think, and I'll promise to try to refrain from rabbit jokes—this time, anyway.

See you in 60!

Richard

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BOBBY CASWELL LONG DREAMED OF BEING A **SUPERHERO** -- WITH POWERS FAR BEYOND THOSE OF **MORTAL MEN!**

WHILE ON VACATION WITH HIS AUNT AND UNCLE IN VERMONT, THAT DREAM CAME TRUE -- **SORT OF!**

IT WAS HERE BOBBY CHANCED TO DISCOVER A CRAFT FROM ANOTHER WORLD!

THE CRAFT CONTAINED BUT ONE ITEM— A BOX COVERED WITH SYMBOLS, ALL ALIEN SAVE ONE— $E=MC^2$

WHEN HIS HANDS ACCIDENTALLY TOUCHED THE **HAND IMPRINTS** CARVED ON THE BOX'S LID, HIS BODY WAS FILLED WITH ENERGY AND HIS MIND WITH IMAGES!

FOREMOST OF THOSE IMAGES WAS THAT OF A GIANT COSTUMED RABBIT—

THUNDER BUNNY

FURTHER IMAGES INVADED BOBBY'S MIND AND HE FOUND HIMSELF LEARNING OF A DYING WORLD FROM IT'S ENERGY INSTITUTE DIRECTOR—**DOCTOR BAR-KO!** THIS IMAGE EXPLAINED THAT EVEN THEIR SUPER HERO COULD NOT PREVENT THEIR WORLD FROM GROWING **COLD!** NOT BEING A SELFISH RACE, AND SO THAT SOME OTHER WORLD MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THEIR HERO'S POWER, THEY ENCASED HIS ENERGY FORCE WITHIN A POWER BOX AND SENT IT INTO SPACE!

THE SHIP LANDED BRIEFLY ON MANY HABITABLE WORLDS, WAITING FOR AN **INTELLIGENT BEING** WITH HANDS TO ACTIVATE THE BOX!

YOU NOW POSSESS THE **POWER** OF OUR GREATEST HERO! TO BRING IT INTO PLAY, YOU MUST PICTURE HIM AND CLAP YOUR HANDS! ONLY THE COMBINATION OF THESE TWO THINGS WILL ENDOW YOU WITH HIS POWER! BUT, *BE WARNED...*

...YOU MUST **NEVER** LOSE SIGHT OF *WHO* OR *WHAT* YOU REALLY ARE!!

BOBBY SOON DISCOVERED HE COULD TURN INTO A SUPER-HERO...

...BUT WAS DISMAYED TO FIND THE HERO WAS A GIANT RABBIT!

YOU'RE— YOU'RE A **RABBIT!!**

DISMAY SOON TURNED TO PANIC WHEN HE TRIED TO RETURN TO HUMAN FORM!

ALTHOUGH HE COULD BECOME **THUNDERBUNNY** WITH EASE, THE LONGER HE REMAINED IN THIS FORM, THE HARDER IT WAS TO FORM A CLEAR MENTAL PICTURE OF HIMSELF AS BOBBY...

...A **NECESSITY** IN CHANGING BACK!

FINALLY, WITH GREAT EFFORT, HE RETURNED TO HUMAN FORM!

EMBARRASSED WHEN HE'S IN RABBIT FORM AND MORE FEARFUL HE MAY ONE DAY BE TRAPPED IN IT, BOBBY CASWELL IS THE MOST **RELUCTANT** OF HEROES!

WHETHER OR NOT **BOBBY CASWELL** FELT BEING A RABBIT SUPERHERO WAS WORTH IT, FATE SEEMED DETERMINED TO CAST HIM IN THAT ROLE! WHEN LAST HE BECAME **THUNDERBUNNY** HE WAS JOINED BY A TEAM OF **MIGHTY CRUSADERS*** TO DEFEND BOSTON AGAINST THE ALIEN HORDES OF **LU-TA THE PROCURER!**

'BYE NOW!

*SEE ARCHIE COMICS' **BLUE RIBBON COMICS #13**

BECAUSE LU-TA'S OFFER OF OTHERWORLD TECHNOLOGY AND MINERALS IN EXCHANGE FOR **HUMAN BEINGS** HAD BEEN **REFUSED**, LU-TA SET OUT TO **TAKE** WHAT HE COULD NOT **TRADE** FOR!

KRAK

ONLY THE TIMELY INTERVENTION OF **THUNDER-BUNNY** AND **THE CRUSADERS** PREVENTED LU-TA FROM SUCCEEDING!

THE SCALES OF BATTLE WERE TIPPED IN FAVOR OF BOSTON'S DEFENDERS WHEN, AT LAST, THE **AIR FORCE** ARRIVED! LU-TA'S FORCES WERE FORCED INTO WITHDRAWAL!

BUT AS THE ALIENS FLED, THEY LEFT A ***TERRIFYING THREAT!***

YOU HAVE ***NOT WON!*** OUR ***FATHER SHIP*** *IS IN* ORBIT ABOVE YOU! ***LU-TA*** WILL ***LEVEL*** YOUR CITY WITH OUR ***DISRUPTOR CANNON!***

REALIZING THAT ***ONLY HE*** STOOD A CHANCE OF THWARTING LU-TA'S MURDEROUS ATTACK, ***THUNDERBUNNY*** LEFT THE MIGHTY CRUSADERS TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ORBITING DESTROYER!

THE ***HECK*** HE WILL!

IT SEEMS THAT LU-TA HAD ALREADY MET THUNDERBUNNY ONCE, LONG AGO... AND WAS NOW PANICKING AT HIS IMMINENT ARRIVAL!

GREAT ***ZE-OTT!***

IT CAN'T BE *HIM!* HIS PLANET WAS ***DESTROYED!***

I REMEMBER WHAT HE DID WHEN WE RAIDED HIS WORLD!

FIRE ALL WEAPONS!

HE... HE'S ***STILL*** COMING!

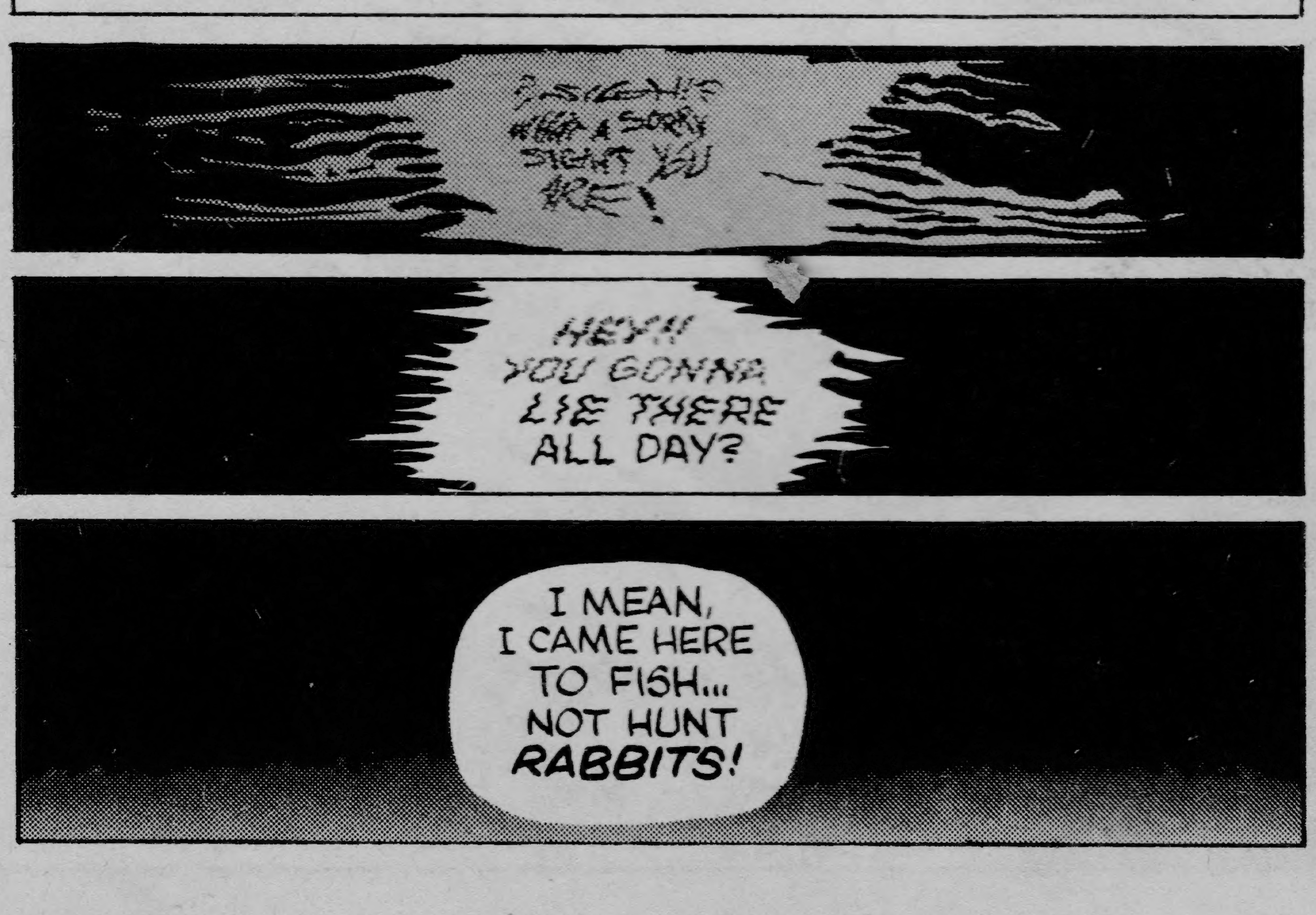
HE'S HERE!

HE'S GOING TO...

FABAM!

LU-TA'S SHIP, SEVERELY DAMAGED, HAD BEEN REPELLED INTO DEEP SPACE~ BUT AT WHAT COST? THUNDERBUNNY'S INERT FORM LAY FACE DOWN AT THE OCEAN'S EDGE, NOT FAR FROM THE CITY HE'D JUST SAVED!

WITH ONLY ENOUGH AIR IN HIS LUNGS TO SUSTAIN A SINGLE, BRIEF ASSAULT, **THUNDER-BUNNY** FELL BACK TOWARD THE EARTH!



A RABBIT'S RAGE!

G...GLORIA! HOW'D YOU GET HERE?

BY BUS! NOW THAT THE ALIENS ARE GONE, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION'S NEAR BACK TO NORMAL!

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I OFTEN COME TO "*THE POINT*" ON SUNDAY TO FISH!

PHOUGH!

BOY, I MUST HAVE CHEWED UP HALF THE BEACH WHEN I LANDED!

RATS! SAND IN MY EARS TOO! I BET NO OTHER SUPER HERO HAS TO CLEAN HIS EARS AFTER SAVING THE WORLD! I DON'T NEED THIS!

NO... YOUR **NEED** IS AT HOME! RETURN THERE ***NOW!***

RETURN HOME?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ***MY HOME,*** GLORIA?

GLORIA!

GLORIA?

SHE... SHE'S *VANISHED!*

I KNOW IT'S ***IMPOSSIBLE***, BUT IT ALMOST SOUNDED LIKE SHE KNOWS WHO I AM... WHO I ***REALLY AM!*** ALL THOSE WEIRD PREDICTIONS AND THINGS SHE DOES...

NAHH! *THAT'S CRAZY!*

BUT I THINK I'D BEST GET HOME ***FAST!*** UNCLE AL AND AUNT SUE MUST REALLY BE WORRIED ABOUT ME BY NOW!

WELL, OLD BOSTON DOESN'T SEEM TOO BADLY OFF—JUST A FEW BUILDINGS DAMAGED...

LORD KNOWS IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE!

GOSH, I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN TO UNCLE AL AND AUNT SUE WHERE I'VE BEEN FOR SO LONG!

MAYBE I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING AFTER I...

CHANGE!

FATOOM

FORMING A CLEAR MENTAL PICTURE OF BOBBY, THUNDERBUNNY CLAPS HIS HANDS TOGETHER!

HMMmmm... THAT'S GARY'S DAD'S CAR PARKED IN FRONT! I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING HERE?

HI EVERYONE! I'M HOME!

BOBBY!

I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WORRYING AND I SHOULD HAVE CALLED, BUT I...

IT'S ***ALL RIGHT!*** GLORIA CALLED FROM THE COMIC SHOP AND SAID SHE WAS KEEPING EVERYONE THERE UNTIL THE ARMY WAS CERTAIN ALL THE ALIENS HAD GONE!

GLORIA CALLED ???

THANK GOD! AT LEAST ***YOU'RE*** ALL RIGHT!

HEH! WHAT DO YOU MEAN, AT LEAST ***I'M*** OKAY? YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I MADE OUT BETTER THAN...

...OTHERS

UNCLE AL? WHAT IS IT?

W--WHY ARE THE KATOS HERE?

UNCLE AL...

PLEASE...

WHAT'S WRONG?

BOBBY— YOUR AUNT SUE—:CHOKE: IS DEAD!

NO! NO! HOW?

ONE OF THE ALIEN CRAFT LOST CONTROL —CRASHED INTO THE TOP FLOOR OF THE BUILDING WHERE SHE WAS WORKING!

THERE WAS NOTHING *ANYONE* COULD DO! THE SHIP *EXPLODED* WHEN IT HIT— EVERYONE ON THE FLOOR WAS KILLED INSTANTLY!

OH NOOO!

BOBBY!

SLAM

LEAVE HIM ALONE FOR A BIT, AL. THEN GO TO HIM.

YOU'LL BOTH NEED EACH OTHER'S STRENGTH.

:SOB: FIRST MOM AND DAD! NOW AUNT SUE!

GO AHEAD

ONLY THIS TIME I WAS THERE - BUT EVEN AS A SUPER-HERO I COULDN'T PREVENT HER DEATH!

I USED TO THINK IT WAS AN *ATROCITY* WHEN I READ ABOUT A SUPERHERO KILLING A VILLAIN! I THOUGHT, NO MATTER *WHAT* THE CIRCUMSTANCES, A *HERO* SHOULDN'T TAKE A LIFE!

I BELIEVED A HERO SHOULD HAVE A *CODE* AGAINST KILLING!

WELL, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANYMORE!

IT'S A *GOOD THING* ALL THE INVADERS FLED THE EARTH - BECAUSE IF THERE WERE ANY LEFT...

...I'D KILL THEM MYSELF!

SOMEWHERE ON A DESERTED SECTION OF BEACH ALONG THE MASSACHUSETTS COASTLINE...

WAR-YOR BRU-TOR TO COMMAND SHIP! THIS IS BRU-TOR CALLING COMMAND!

COME IN LU-TA!

HO, BRU-TOR! YOU ARE STILL FUNCTIONAL!

YES, BUT MY CRAFT IS NOT! SEND A RESCUE SHIP!

A MOMENT, WAR-YOR BRU-TOR! LU-TA HIMSELF DESIRES TO COMMUNICATE!

AHH~ BRAVE BRU-TOR! I AM PLEASED YOU STILL FUNCTION!

YOU HAVE DONE WELL IN MY SERVICE BUT, BEFORE I SEND A CRAFT TO RETRIEVE YOU...

...I HAVE A TASK FOR YOU TO PERFORM!

BUT *LU-TA*! MY CRAFT AND ITS ARMAMENT ARE NEUTRALIZED! I HAVE ONLY MY PERSONAL WEAPON!

FOR MY REVENGE UPON THE CITY WHERE THE *RABBIT* DWELLS YOU WILL NEED LITTLE MORE!

I AM SENDING A *GRUBBER VINE* TO YOU IN A TRANS-POD! ALL YOU NEED DO IS PLACE IT IN THE PROPER LOCATION!

A...A *GRUBBER VINE*?!! BUT HOW WILL I ESCAPE THE *DEVASTATION* IT WILL CAUSE?

SEEK OUT THE *HIGHEST POINT* IN THE CITY AND COMMUNICATE YOUR SUCCESS TO ME!

BY THAT TIME MY PERSONAL SHUTTLE WILL BE ON HAND TO RETURN YOU TO THE COMMAND SHIP IN *GLORY!*

YOU ARE A GREAT WAR-YOR! CARRY MY BANNER HIGH! THE TRANS-POD IS ON ITS WAY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE SHUTTLE!

PREVAIL!

END TRANSMISSION!

END TRANSMISSION!

I WILL PREVAIL!!

I WILL COVER MYSELF WITH GLORY AND BE HONORED ABOVE ALL BUT LU-TA!

THE *TRANS-POD* WILL ARRIVE AT BRU-TOR'S COORDINATES WITHIN TWO TEMPIALS! BUT WILL NOT OUR WAITING FOR THE SHUTTLE TO RETURN HIM CAUSE A DANGEROUS DELAY IN GETTING OUR SHIP TO A PLACE OF REPAIR?

IT WOULD...

...IF I WERE GOING TO SEND IT!

FZZZZ

SHUNK

TWO DAYS HAVE PASSED. FAMILY AND FRIENDS HAVE GATHERED TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS TO SUE CASWELL...

THE GRIEF THAT BOBBY CASWELL FEELS ON THIS MORNING HAS LEFT HIM NUMB. SINCE HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD HIS AUNT HAD BEEN AS A MOTHER TO HIM. HE IS BARELY AWARE OF THE MINISTER'S VOICE, BUT FORCES HIMSELF TO LISTEN...

SUE CASWELL HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM US IN A TRAGEDY BROUGHT ABOUT BY BEINGS FROM ANOTHER WORLD! WE HAVE CAUSE TO HATE THESE BEINGS AND TO SEEK VENGEANCE, BUT LET ME READ TO YOU FROM MATTHEW 5:43-45!

"YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, AND HATE YOUR ENEMY.' BUT I SAY TO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY BE SONS OF YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN; FOR HE CAUSES HIS SUN TO RISE ON THE EVIL AND THE GOOD, AND SENDS RAIN ON THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS."

AND FROM ROMANS 12:19-21

"NEVER TAKE YOUR OWN REVENGE, BELOVED, BUT LEAVE ROOM FOR THE WRATH OF GOD, FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD."

"BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS UPON HIS HEAD."

"DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD."

AFTER THE SERVICE FRIENDS OFFER SOLACE...

AL, I GRIEVE FOR YOU! HOW ARE YOU AND BOBBY HOLDING UP?

I'VE COME TO TERMS WITH MY LOSS, FOR BOBBY'S SAKE... BUT HE WORRIES ME!

HE'S FILLED WITH SO MUCH ANGER!

IF HE HAD THE POWER TO DO IT, I BELIEVE BOBBY'D ***KILL*** ANY ALIEN HE COULD GET HIS HANDS ON!

I'VE TRIED TO TELL HIM SUE WOULDN'T WANT THAT, BUT I DON'T SEEM TO BE GETTING THROUGH!

HE'LL FIND ***PEACE*** IN TIME, WITH YOUR HELP!

HE ***LOVES*** YOU VERY MUCH, AND LOVE IS A GREAT HEALER!

TRUE - AND BESIDES, AT LAST REPORT THE ALIEN FLEET WAS OFF IN DEEP SPACE! THEY'RE ALL GONE!

*NOT **ALL** OF THEM... **BRU-TOR** THE **WAR-YOR** GAZES SKYWARD AND SMILES—SMILES KNOWING WHAT DEADLY CARGO THE DESCENDING PROJECTILE CONTAINS!*

ACCURATE AS EVER, LU-TA! COULD YOU NOT HAVE PROGRAMMED THE POD TO COME DOWN ON DRY LAND?!

PHAGGH!

I *HATE* THE WATER THAT SURROUNDS THE LAND MASSES OF THIS WORLD! IT IS FOUL TO THE TASTE!

THIS PLANET MAY BE WORTH A VISIT, BUT ONE *SHOULD NOT DRINK THE WATER!*

THERE! I HAVE ACTIVATED THE *TRANSLATOR*...

AS SOON AS I HAVE PLACED THE *GRUBBER SEED* INTO THE *IMPLANTER GUN* I CAN LEAVE THIS FOUL PLACE AND MAKE WAY TO THE CITY!

I RECALL NOT FAR FROM HERE ONE OF THE SURFACES OVER WHICH THIS PLANET'S PEOPLE TRAVEL!

I WILL FIND MY TRANSPORT TO THE CITY THERE!

SOON...

HALT YOUR VEHICLE, *NOW!*

CRIPES!

LOOK AT THAT, *ARCH!* IT'S ORDERING US TO STOP!

NO WAY AM I STOPPING FOR THAT THING!

I HAVE WARNED YOU!

BRAZZZZ

AND NOW...

FZZAK

KRUMP

...YOU WILL CONVEY ME TO YOUR CITY AT ONCE!

YEAH, SURE! SURE! BUT HOW?

LOOK WHAT YOU DID!

IT SEEMS I WAS OVER ANXIOUS TO HALT YOUR MOTION... HOWEVER, YOU SHALL YET AID ME!

GET OUT HERE!

THE NEXT VEHICLE I OBTAIN WILL BE INTACT!

PUSH!

SHORT PEOPLE GOT...
SHORT PEOPLE GOT EVERY REASON TO LIVE...
SHORT PEOPLE GOT EVERY REASON TO...

WHOA!!

WHAT A MESS! THAT'S THE WORST BLOWN ENGINE I'VE EVER SEEN!

CAN I BE OF HELP?

ONLY TO ME!

WHA?!

YOU WILL CONVEY ME TO THE LARGE CITY NORTH OF HERE!

D...DELIGHTED! ;ULP< I WAS HEADING THERE ANYWAY!

B...BUT I CAN'T GET AROUND THE CAR BLOCKING THE ROAD!

HARDLY A PROBLEM WITH MY WEAPON SET ON FULL!

BRAZZ

NOW, MAKE HASTE TO THE CITY!

GASP!

A SHORT TIME LATER...

HEY, BOBBY... WHAT'S WITH THE COMIC? YOU'VE BEEN STARING AT IT FOR OVER AN HOUR! THE ***ARTWORK*** THAT GOOD?!

IT'S NOT THE ART! I'VE JUST BEEN THINKING ABOUT ITS ***HERO!*** IF ALL THE SUPERHEROES WHO BATTLED THE INVADERS IN BOSTON ***KILLED*** LIKE HE DOES...

...MAYBE AUNT SUE'D BE ALIVE TODAY!

WAIT A MINUTE, NOW! THOSE HEROES FOUGHT TO ***PRESERVE LIFE***...NOT TO TAKE IT!

WEREN'T YOU LISTENING AT THE CHURCH SERVICE TODAY?

KIDDO, WE HAVE TO START PUTTING OUR LIVES IN ORDER! I'M ***NOT*** SAYING TO FORGET THE TRAGEDY, BUT KEEP IT IN PERSPECTIVE— REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES!

I'M GOING TO MAKE A SANDWICH! WANT ME TO MAKE YOU ONE?

NO THANKS! I THINK I'LL WATCH SOME TV!

CLICK

TWENTY MINUTES AGO ONE OF THE...

...ALIEN INVADERS SUDDENLY APPEARED IN **COPLEY SQUARE!** POLICE HAVE CORDONED OFF THE AREA...

OUR MINI-CAM CREW, ALREADY ON THE SCENE FOR ANOTHER EVENT, MANAGED TO SEND BACK THESE SHOTS OF THE CREATURE JUMPING FROM A VAN...

THE ALIEN FIRED HIS LASER WEAPON INTO THE CROWD, CLEARING A SPACE AROUND COPLEY FOUNTAIN, WHERE HE THEN DISCHARGED ANOTHER DEVICE INTO THE FOUNTAIN ITSELF—WITHIN MOMENTS, HUGE VINES SHOT UP FROM THE FOUNTAIN—AT THAT POINT OUR MOBILE TRANSMISSION STOPPED...

OH NO... THEY'RE BACK!!

THE DAY OF THE HERO WITH A CODE IS *GONE!*

I HAVE THE *POWER* AND...

SMASH!

...I'M GOING TO USE IT TO *POUND* THAT ALIEN INTO *PULP!*

...*AND* WHAT THE *HECK*...

...*IS THAT?*

I'LL BE THERE IN SECONDS TO SETTLE WITH THAT *CREEP* AND...

HAKA-HAKA-HAKA-HA!

SO, *THUNDER-BUNNY*, YOU HAVE COME TO *WATCH* LU-TA'S REVENGE UPON YOUR CITY!

I'VE COME TO *WATCH NOTHING*, ALIEN! AS SOON AS I'VE DISPOSED OF YOUR POTTED PLANT, I PLAN TO DO THE *SAME TO YOU!!*

EEEEYAARGHT!

ALL RIGHT! TAKE IT EASY! I'M HERE!

I JUST *SAVED* THIS CITY A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO~*REMEMBER?!*

YOU'RE BUGS BUNNY!

NOT QUITE!!

BUT I GUESS THAT'S BETTER THAN SOME THINGS I'VE BEEN MISTAKEN FOR!

IT KILLS ME! FORTY YEARS AGO YOU HAD SUPERHEROES RUNNING AROUND WITH NAMES LIKE *THE GREEN TURTLE*, *MISTER MONSTER* AND *THE DART*—AND *EVERY-ONE* REMEMBERED *THEIR* NAMES!

YES, YOU'RE HERE ...BUT WH-WHAT *ARE YOU?*

AWWW, COME *ON*, LADY!

OH--*OH*, YES! I REMEMBER NOW!

HERE I'M BOSTON'S *ONLY* SUPERHERO, AND AN UNUSUAL ONE AT THAT, AND PEOPLE CAN'T GET MY NAME RIGHT FOR ANYTHING!

I'VE JUST GOT TO GET SOME DECENT PRESS COVERAGE!

SK

TAKK

BOSTON TRANSIT

WONDER BUNNY!

HELP!

THE SOONER, THE BETTER, IT SEEMS!

THE NAME IS *THUNDERBUNNY*, AND I'LL HAVE YOU FREE IN A MINUTE!

KER-SNAP

HEY! THE VINES HAVE STOPPED GROWING!

AND THEY'RE *NOWHERE* NEAR THE *HARBOR!*

YEAH, ME AND THE CREW MANAGED TO SHUT OFF THE WATER TO THE FOUNTAIN WHERE THE THING'S ROOTS ARE!
DPW
THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHY IT STOPPED GROWING!
IN FACT... WATER MAY BE THE ANSWER TO THIS WHOLE PROBLEM!
WAR-YOR BRU-TOR REPORTING TO COMMAND SHIP! SUCCESS HERE!
HAVE THE RESCUE SHIP HASTEN! THE GRUBBER VINE WILL SOON REACH MY TRANSMISSION POINT!
...DONE WELL CRACKLE ZIZZZ CARRY LU-TA'S BANNE SPELCHZIZZ HIGH! ZIZZ
THE SHIP! WHAT ABOUT THE RESCUE SHIP??
ZIZZzzEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
I CAN NO LONGER COMMUNICATE!
THAT CAN ONLY MEAN...
LU-TA HAS LEFT THIS PLANET SYSTEM!
I AM DESERTED!
NO...
SNIKT!
YOU'RE DEAD!

GAAA!! THUNDER BUNNY!
FIRST PERSON TODAY WHO GETS MY NAME RIGHT AND IT HAS TO BE YOU!
BAWHAM
I'VE BEATEN YOUR UNJOLLY GREEN GIANT TOO, MURDERER! WHEN IT DIDN'T GO NEAR THE HARBOR I FIGURED IT WAS AVOIDING THE SALT WATER!
CLICK
HUMM
THE WATER WORKERS SHUT OFF THE FOUNTAIN WATER TO THE VINE'S ROOTS - SO IT STOPPED GROWING AND HAD TO GO LOOKING FOR A NEW SOURCE!
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM
BUT IT COULDN'T FIND ANY~BECAUSE I HAD ALL THE FRESH WATER PIPES IN THE CITY CLOSED DOWN! THE ONLY WATER LEFT WAS SALT!

THE VINE LITERALLY *DRANK* ITSELF TO DEATH!

MMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

AND NOW IT'S *YOUR* TURN, YOU *ALIEN SLIME!*

MMMMMMMMMMMM

YES! *KILL ME!*

I HAVE TAKEN MANY LIVES IN THE SERVICE OF *LU-TA!* IT IS FITTING THEN, ON THIS WORLD INHABITED BY BEINGS USEFUL ONLY AS *TRADE GOODS*, THAT I MEET MY END AT THE HANDS OF A *FELLOW ALIEN!*

"NEVER TAKE YOUR OWN REVENGE... BUT LEAVE ROOM FOR THE WRATH OF GOD!"

"THOSE HEROES FOUGHT TO PRESERVE LIFE... NOT TO TAKE IT!"

*"NEVER FORGET **WHO** AND **WHAT** YOU ARE!"*

ALIEN?!

ALIEN? I'M NOT A...

A ***KILLER!***

MMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

WOUMP

NO, YOU WILL NOT KILL AND THAT IS YOUR FAILING!

HOWEVER, I REFUSE TO SUBMIT TO THE JUSTICE METED OUT BY THE INFERIOR BEINGS OF THIS PLANET!

MMMMRRRREEEEEEEEEEEEEE

EEEEEE

I SHALL NEVER REACH THE GROUND!

MY WEAPON IS ON OVERLOAD!

STOP! DON'T DO IT!

EEEEEEEEEEEEEE FUZZ

I DIDN'T KILL! AUNT SUE, IF YOU'RE WATCHING, I STILL BELIEVE IN ALL THE THINGS YOU AND UNCLE AL TAUGHT ME!

AND I'LL NEVER FORGET THEM...

...OR YOU!

RETURNING HOME AND TO HUMAN FORM, BOBBY RETIRES TO HIS ROOM, WHERE, MOMENTS LATER...

BOBBY!

BOBBY, ARE YOU HOME?

IN MY ROOM, UNCLE AL!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!

I'M SORRY UNCLE AL—I...

DO YOU KNOW HOW *WORRIED* I'VE BEEN, WHAT WITH THAT ALIEN CREATURE ROAMING AROUND BOSTON AND ALL?!

...I JUST HAD TO WORK OUT SOME FEELINGS I'VE HAD SINCE AUNT SUE DIED!

AND DID YOU?

I... I *THINK* SO!

NOW I'M SURE THAT THE CODE AND VALUES I'VE GROWN UP WITH WERE *THE RIGHT ONES!*

...AND *NEVER* COULD I FORGET HOW MUCH I *LOVE* THE PEOPLE WHO TAUGHT THEM TO ME!

NEXT

"MISSAL CRISIS"

THE RABBIT'S PAGE

Just goes to show you—if you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself. **Greim** and **Buniak** are off somewhere pretending to be affluent comics pros, and the elves that run this place are making movies or procreating or something. Hmmm—on second thought, it's *rabbits* that procreate—a lot! Elves just attend swap meets.

However, just so you can get to know me a little better, here's the inside scoop on my history and a list of the places I've appeared.

I first burst upon the scene early in 1960 in a fanzine called *Mass Fan Newsletter.* I was the subject of two drawings and a short story by Martin L. Greim. I looked pretty cartoony—and Greim didn't draw me again until, well, *now* in the very drawing above!

It wasn't until seventeen years later that I showed up again, in *Comic Crusader Storybook.* It was an eight-page comics story, with words by Greim and art by Gene Day and Jerry Ordway. I also managed a spot on the back cover with the **Silver Surfer**—art by Joe Sinnott.

Then came *Charlton Bullseye* #6 in early 1982. This was my origin story, told by Greim, with art by Mike Machlan and "Victor Laszlo" (a.k.a. Pete Iro). The cover was by Mike Machlan and Jerry Ordway.

Later that year, *Charlton Bullseye* #10 came out, and I had the whole book to myself! In fact, I was the only character to appear in two issues of *Bullseye.* My costume changed from blue to red in that issue—seems there was some confusion about my looking like this guy **Dynamo** who works for the **T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents**. (I don't know why—I'm better looking and I pre-date him, anyway!) But possibly the most significant thing about that issue was that it was the first time I was drawn by Brian Buniak—a happy association that continues to this day.

1984 was a very good year for me. I got my own comic book title: Red Circle's *Thunderbunny* #1! OK, so there was only one issue, but it *was* my first—and it led to three more appearances under the Archie/Red Circle banner. I was featured in *Pep Comics* #393 and *Mighty Crusaders* #7 (that latter issue, by the way, introduced a character we're destined to see more of—one you'll love to hate—**Simon Swien**).

Finally, I starred in a full-length story in *Blue Ribbon Comics* #13 (which I'm pleased to say was a sellout)—and got to *meet* the **Mighty Crusaders,** too!

But 1985 is shaping up to be the best year for me yet! Thanks to WaRP Graphics, I've finally got my own regularly-scheduled comic book! The story in *this* ***Thunderbunny*** #1 picks up where that *Blue Ribbon* story ended. As for where we go from here—well, I'll just have to invite you to see for yourself when you pick up ***Thunderbunny*** #2, two months from now.

So there you go, friend! I'm going to leave you now and see if I can find some of the elves. We imaginary types have to hang out with *someone.* Hmmm. If I can't find them, I wonder if **Harvey's** around someplace...?

24 CARROT COMMENTS

Hello again, if you're a long-time fan of the Boston Bunny. Or, if you're a new reader, "WELCOME ABOARD!" My name is Martin L. Greim and I'm the creator and writer of Thunderbunny.

How much should I tell you about myself? Well, I'm old enough to have bought "golden age" comics when they were new on the stands. I'm married to a beautiful, understanding lady named Ellie and we have two wonderful daughters, Jolene and Alana. I have two cats, Garfield and Tuffy, and they're constantly disputing who's master—them or me. I'm a fan of comics and I enjoy writing for them professionally, as I've done for the last few years.

As for the bunny himself: Thunderbunny, like the boy who becomes him, is growing. The story in this issue is a departure from the usual humorous tale, but it *is* a part of that growth. Thunderbunny can be serious or funny. That's what makes him unique.

Speaking of unique: that's Brian Buniak! I'm truly honored to be associated with him. His art on this series is the perfect blend of drama and humor—and this and the next several issues should prove it to you.

In addition to the really fine artwork by Brian Buniak in every issue, we'll be treating you to an occasional cover inked by other comics pros you've come to admire—like Jerry Ordway, for instance, who inked this issue's cover.

Finally, we welcome a new member to the Thunderbunny team with this issue: WaRP Graphics. Although, in another sense, it's Thunderbunny, Brian, and I who are the "new kids on the block," since WaRP has a long and respected publishing history behind it.

But however you look at it, WaRP is the fourth company to publish the adventures of my enduring rabbit and it looks like we're going to be able (at last!) to give you some great comics fun on a regular basis.

I'm very happy to be a part of the WaRP expansion—I've known Richard and Wendy Pini for a loooong time, so seeing the WaRP symbol on the cover seems natural to me. It's like being reunited with old friends...

Which is what I hope you, Thunderbunny, and I will become, through the pages of this issue and all the ones to follow. Of course, friendship is based on truth and sharing, so won't you please write and let us know what you thought of our efforts on this issue? We're very anxious to hear from you!

—Martin L. Greim

Thunderbunny in his pre-WaRP days. Before this issue, Thunderbunny saw action in the pages of comics published by Charlton and Archie. Left to right: *Charlton Bullseye* #6, *Charlton Bullseye* #10, *Thunderbunny* #1 (Red Circle/Archie) and *Blue Ribbon Comics* #13.

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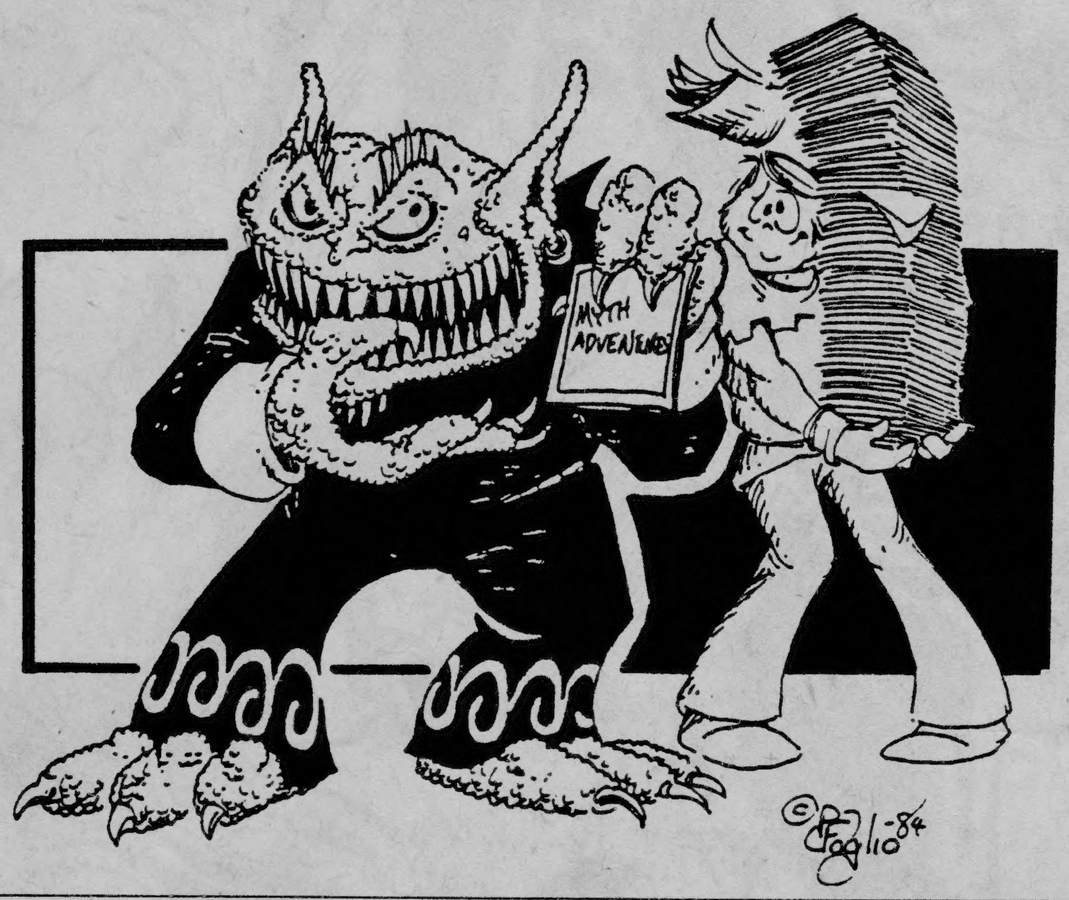

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